



**Tehama County Health Partnership
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2006**

Attendance:

Alternatives to Violence
Corning City Police Department
Easter Seals Northern CA
Migrant Education
PATH
Red Bluff Elem. School District
Tehama Commission on Aging
Tehama County Probation
NVCSS – Elder Services

Child Care Referral & Education
Daystar Ranch
Head Start
New Directions to Hope
Rape Crisis Intervention
St. Elizabeth Community Hospital
Tehama Co. Dept. of Education
Tehama County Sheriff's Office

City of Red Bluff Parks & Rec.
Downtown Red Bluff Bus. Assoc.
Latino Outreach of Tehama Co.
N. Valley Catholic Social Services
Ready for Life
St. E's Women's & Children's
Tehama Co. Hlt. Servs. Agency
Tehama County Social Services

Welcome/Introductions:

Chairperson Gail Locke called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. at the Red Bluff Community Center. Introductions were made.

Agency Informational Presentation:

Lupe Green representing Northern Valley Catholic Social Services Elder Services stated they have received a one-year planning grant to do a Seniors Needs Assessment. They are developing a survey that will be sent to organizations and agencies in the county. They will tabulate and gather all types of data, conduct Focus Groups and visit individuals in their homes that are unable to attend the Focus Groups. They hope to have two Focus Groups with care providers and one with elders. They hope to begin their Strategic Planning process in October and submit it for approval to the Partnership and to the Inter Agency Coordination Council (IACC). In the plan, they hope to identify needs, along with the coordination needed, to better serve seniors. Planning and recommendations on how they can continue the program beyond the first year will also be addressed.

Subcommittee Reports: Subcommittees did not meet.

Sustainability Discussion:

The TC Department of Education, St. Elizabeth Hospital, TCHSA, Public Health, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Divisions, the TC Department of Social Services and TC Probation Department have provided financial support of the Partnership since the Wellness Foundation Grant ended in 2001. These agencies/organizations may not be able to sustain the Partnership at the same financial level in the future. In the future, what if current funding is cut by 50% or 35% or if the Partnership does not exist at all?

Governance has developed four scenarios giving you the best and worst-case scenarios and a couple in-between. Discussion will focus on what benefit is being provided to you or your agency by coming to monthly Partnership meetings and, the four various scenarios?

The Health Partnership members at the meeting all voiced their opinions on the benefits of being a member. Benefits voiced are as follows:

Collaboration and networking with other agencies, creating new partnerships, contributing to the Community Needs Assessment, contact with agencies don't normally come in contact with, when new to the community is an invaluable way to meet people, find resources and make connections. Information received is valuable to staff unable to participate in the meetings, production of the Report Card that is a valuable document to the community and its members. The Partnership distinguishes Tehama County from other counties, it is known statewide, it is unique not only in California but in other states as well and has been able to sustain its-self and makes Tehama County competitive. The Partnership and IACC linked together are very powerful when looking for funding and more competitive to receive funding. Money, time and other resources are saved by having Letters of Support approved by the Partnership and IACC at the monthly meetings. The Partnership helps extend scarce resources, increases efficiency, decreases learning curve and extends physical resources. Agencies are not competing for funding but help and support each other. Makes us much more efficient and services are not duplicated.

Some stated they do not get a direct benefit from the Partnership. The indirect commitment to the communities' wellness is immeasurable. When you can bring together people from different backgrounds, agencies, organizations and individuals that care about the community and are able to produce and share and not compete for funding but support each other, this is rare, and is not common in other counties.

When the initial grant was received the Partnership would look for grants and discuss which agency best fit the grant. They would go after the grant and everyone else would back off. Since then some agencies are writing their own grants. Eight agencies write their own grants. Many others stated they would benefit from a grant writer. Discussion on how to pay for a grant writer followed. Administrative costs would be written into the grants. After several grants, we would be able to fund a grant writer. It was suggested the California Endowment might have funding available to help support the Partnership.

It was suggest that a list of groups, organizations or grants that have been received through the Partnership be made as an endorsement to making the case about membership dues and the value of the Partnership.

- As soon as possible everyone is to e-mail Mary a list of grants that their agency or department has received through the Partnership and she will look through the Letters of Support. There may be something agencies received that didn't come from a direct Letter of Support that you would also like to include.
- Let her know if you have written in a small portion for administration to sustain the Partnership.

A descriptive paragraph was written that can be inserted into a grant proposal that provides information about the Partnership. The "Request for Health Partnership Action" form also has a sentence to elicit whether the grant includes the funding for the Health Partnership.

The IACC has asked Governance to explore the possibility of membership fees. Did everyone discuss with their agency the possibility of paying a membership fee? Do you feel your agency may be able to contribute money towards a fee or possibly through a grant?

If meetings were held every other month is it important to meet in Corning? Yes, it is very important to maintain the south county connection.

Governance has discussed producing the report card every three to five years. Members feel the information would be too old to be useful. Possibly the Report Card could become a web based document produced every two to three years?

If membership fees are collected, Public Health as a public agency cannot receive the fees. A non-profit is needed to receive fees. The Department of Education has an Educational Foundation under their umbrella that is non-profit. Would the Partnership fit under the Educational Foundation focus? Would it want to have the Partnership and could it? How would that influence or change the current focus and functioning of the Partnership? Would it take the Partnership out from under the IACC and would it change the line of communication to Department Heads and to the Board of Supervisors?

Discussed where the personnel for the Partnership will be housed. At Public Health or the Department of Education through the Education Foundation. Would the overhead costs be left at PH or would they move over to the Education Foundation. Would there be a change in costs?

One suggestion was all the Health Partnership members would be responsible for 20% of the budget and other larger agencies 80%. It would be helpful if at the next meeting an estimate of the membership fee be given.

Decreased funding from major agencies will more than likely mean a reduction in the Program Coordinator's and Clerical staff's time. A non-profit is needed to receive membership fees, could possibly use Ameri-Core worker to support position.

Gail will present to the IACC at their February meeting that Partnership members are all supportive of some type of fee structure but would like to know more about it. Report Card could be produced every three years and become web-based. Explore Ameri-Core worker for clerical support. Look at non-profit options. Meet monthly (continue rotation between Red Bluff and Corning). Look into the possibility of a California Endowment Grant. Would like IACC to come up with amounts the major agencies are able to provide in support dollars.

Once a fee structure is in place, it would be possible to see if those in the community would be willing to maintain the countywide Health Partnership. The Partnership is then supported by the entire community not just the major agencies.

The Partnership has a large number of Partnership members that receive the agenda packets. Voting Member eligibility is determined by attendance. Voting Member status is determined in January and July. Those that have attended four out of the last seven meetings are eligible to be Voting Members. If the way Voting Members are chosen is changed, i.e. by fees contributed, the By-laws and Procedures will need to be changed.

The Health Partnership Budget includes Operating Expenses, External and Internal Overhead, County Administrative Overhead and the Report Card. Some of the money to support the Partnership this fiscal year came out of the Wellness Foundation Trust Fund Interest Account.

Jerry Sellers representing Child Care Referral and Education made a motion to “maintain the current level of Partnership services and participation for next year.” Ted Klemm representing Northern Valley Catholic Social Services seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jerry Sellers would like to meet with Syd Wilby to take a look at the budget. Possibly the Report Card could be published if it is amortized over the next three years.

Ted Klemm representing Northern Valley Catholic Social Services made a motion that the Partnership will provide 20% of the budget for next year. Venita Philbrick representing the Downtown Red Bluff Business Association seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Partnership General Announcements:

Gail Locke representing the Tehama County Commission on Aging announced a networking opportunity, Honoring Women’s Health and a tradition of Sisterhood through Service at the Imaging Center on February 27, 2006, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Daffodil Days is coming to Tehama County. March 2, 2006 is the order deadline date. Order forms are Available. Flowers will be delivered in each community and cemetery in the County.

Mary Jacobson Partnership Coordinator announced she reviewed the July through January sign-in sheets. Members must attend four out of seven meetings to maintain Voting Member status or obtain Voting Member status. At present there are twenty-six voting members, gained one and lost two Voting Members. There were 27 Voting members from July 2005 to January 2006. The “Voting Member Representative” form has been mailed and everyone should have received it. Please complete the form and mail or fax to Public Health. Be sure to sign-in at the monthly meetings, this determines Voting Member eligibility. Please check the sign-in sheet to ensure your name is spelled properly and your e-mail address is correct.

Mary Jacobson Partnership Coordinator thanked Venita for letting the “Give Kids A Smile” day use the State Theatre. Sixty-six volunteers donated four hundred hours of time; eight dentist, seven hygienist, fifteen dental assistants, students from the Butte County ROP Dental Assisting Program, Shasta College Dental Hygiene Program and the Red Bluff ROP students. They saw one hundred sixteen children and provided approximately \$22,000 worth of dental services free of charge. Oral health education and information were available at the State Theatre along with information and materials from the Department of Social Services, Head Start, WIC and the Tobacco Program. The Northern Valley Indian Health Dental Clinic allowed their facilities to be used and their staff also volunteered. The Dept of Education and community volunteers also provided much support. It was a great success and they plan to do it again.

Save the Date of April 29, 2006 for the Children’s Fair at the Fairgrounds.

Michelle Bouma representing Rape Crisis asked for letters of performance or appreciation from any agency or group where Rape Crisis has done an in-service or training. The letters are needed for record keeping. For more information call 529-3980.

Susan Murphy representing the Tehama County Health Services Agency, Tobacco Education Program announce Public Health Week will be April 3 – 9, 2006. The theme this year is “Get Healthy California” with an emphasis on moving and walking and an active life style. They will be highly visible during the week wearing t-shirts and pedometers and challenging everyone to walk.

Ted Klemm representing Northern Valley Catholic Social Services announced June 17, 2006 the third annual Making a Difference Academy of Awards Dinner in Tehama. It is a fund-raiser to honor people in various agencies that have made a difference to county residents. Nominations are being taken now.

Venita Philbrick representing the Downtown Red Bluff Business Association announced the Missoula Children’s Theatre auditions for Jungle Book will be held March 13, 2006, 3:30 p.m. at Vista Gym. They rehearse all week and the production is on March 18, 2006.

Beth Birk representing the Tehama County Department of Education announced the Seventh Annual SERRF Student Highlights Show. Tuesday March 7, 2006 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Woodson School and March 9, 2006, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Tehama District Fairgrounds.

Lupe Green representing Northern Valley Catholic Social Services Elder Services announced there will be a press release soon about the program, that her position is half time and she can be reach at 528-7951.

Adjourn:

The next meeting will be held March 21, 2006 in the Corning City Council Chambers from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.